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SUBJECT: UNITED PARTY'S TROUBLES MOUNT AS TRANSVAAL
LEADER HARRY SCHWARZ FACES EXPULSION FROM PARTY

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1. LATEST CHAPTER IN STORY OF UNITED PARTY'S (UP) INTERNAL STRIFE TOOK PLACE DURING LATTER PART OF NO-CONFIDENCE DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT LAST WEEK. SPEAKING FROM FLOOR OF HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, TRANSVAAL UP LEADER HARRY SCHWARZ SAID HE WOULD NOT BE THE "POLITICAL EXECUTIONER" OF RICHARD ENTHOVEN, UP MP FOR RANDBURG WHO WAS EXPELLED FROM PARTY EARLY IN THE WEEK (REFTEL). THEN ON FEB 10, WHEN HOUSE VOTED ON MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE, SCHWARZ COMMITTED WHAT GENERALLY REGARDED AS ACT OF DEFIANCE OF PARTY LEADER SIR DE VILLIERS GRAAFF.

2. PRIME MINISTER VORSTER HAD EARLIER INTRODUCED AMENDMENT TO GRAAFF'S MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE. VORSTER'S AMENDMENT
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CALLED ON HOUSE TO RESOLVE THAT IT WAS DUTY OF "EVERY

SOUTH AFRICAN TO PROMOTE SOUND RELATIONS BETWEEN PEOPLES AND RACES IN SOUTH AFRICA AND BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND ALL NON-COMMUNIST PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES." AMENDMENT ALSO NOTED "WITH APPRECIATION WHAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD DONE AND INTENDS DOING IN THIS REGARD." WITH NO WARNING TO HIS COLLEAGUES, SCHWARZ LEFT THE HOUSE RATHER THAN STAY AND VOTE WITH THEM AGAINST THE PRIME MINISTER'S AMENDMENT.

3. SOURCES IN UNITED PARTY HAVE TOLD US THAT, BECAUSE OF HIS POLITICAL INDISCRETIONS, IT LIKELY THAT SCHWARZ WILL BE EXPELLED FROM UP'S PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS WHEN IT MEETS TOMORROW, IF HE DOES NOT RESIGN BEFORE OR DURING MEETING. BECAUSE SCHWARZ, LIKE ENTHOVEN, "CHOSE WRONG ISSUE AT WRONG TIME," FEW IF ANY UP MP'S WILL FOLLOW HIM INTO POLITICAL WILDERNESS. REFORMISTS JAPIE BASSON AND NIC OLIVIER WILL STAY WITH UNITED PARTY, AT LEAST FOR PRESENT, AND THE ONLY MP'S WHO MIGHT FOLLOW SCHWARZ ARE HORACE VAN RENSBURG AND DAVID DALLING. EVEN THEY, WHO HAVE BEEN CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF SCHWARZ SINCE INCEPTION OF REFORMIST MOVEMENT IN TRANSVAAL, MAY NOT CHOOSE TO GO WITH HIM AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF HIS PRECIPITANT ACTION AND HIS FAILURE TO CONSULT WITH THEM BEFORE HAND.
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